

BRITISH SINK THE BISMARCK

Roosevelt Asks Additional 3 1-3 Billions for Airplanes

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

The Cost of Carrying the Mail And Some Suggested Improvements

In its search for new revenue the federal government has checked up on the cost of carrying second-class postal matter — newspapers, magazines and other periodicals — and finds a sizeable deficit. Raising the rates on second-class matter to eliminate this deficit would contribute something to the federal revenue picture, and a congress committee is studying the proposal.

I should explain, right off, it is immaterial to this particular newspaper what the congress finally decides to do about second-class rates. Nor does it make a great deal of difference to any newspaper, I imagine. Rural subscribers who receive newspapers under the second-class rate get the benefit of the saving in distribution costs, which, as between government mail in the country and carrier boys in town, is considerable. The Star, for instance, sells for \$6.50 a year in town; \$3.50 in the four-county mail territory of Hope. Some similar differential, in varying degree, exists in every newspaper's subscription rates — conceding the rural subscriber the benefit of the government's cheap postal rates.

The issue, therefore, is not between the newspapers and the government, but between the government and the rural readers of America.

At first glance the tradition of universal free education and free press in America would seem to indicate that the government ought to go to strenuous lengths to avoid any measure which would increase the cost of getting printed matter into the hands of rural readers — whether that matter be newspapers, merchants' circulars, university bulletins, or what-not-for printed matter delivered as cheaply as is humanly possible in the life of national debate in this self-governing republic.

But on the other hand, I am frank to admit I would like to see some improvement in rural second-class postal service, and as a publisher I would be willing to absorb part of the extra cost.

Newspapers depending on the mail for delivery in rural Arkansas are unquestionably handicapped, for instance, by week-day interruptions due to federal holidays, when there is no rural free delivery. Personally, I would like to see the government hire substitute carriers to make the delivery on federal holidays — excepting, of course, those holidays which all of us observe, such as Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

And for this extra service we would expect to pay something.

Furthermore, Hope has a local postal delivery situation which hurts us in northern Hempstead county and which ought to be corrected regardless of expense. I refer to the fact that mail dispatched from Hope this afternoon is not delivered in Blevis and McCaskill until afternoon — and sometimes very late in the afternoon.

I would like to see a star route set up to run mail direct from Hope to Blevis, speeding up service in northern Hempstead county so that delivery is made in mid-morning, as it is elsewhere in Hope's territory. And for this too we should be willing to pay.

What are the figures on the annual second-class mail deficit?

A government report shows that \$70,116 was collected in Arkansas in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, while for the same year the operating deficit of the government in this department was \$308,592.

These are not very important figures, compared to present-day government; but, as I said at the opening of this article, I have a neutral view on the question of second-class postal rates. And if any subscribers feel like writing letters to the editor on this question I would be glad to print their views — particularly with regard to the suggested improvements in rural delivery.

By WILLIS THORNTON
STILLING THORNTON

In June of 1939 just before the second World War broke across the world, the whole United States army had only 187,886 men in active service. Today, more than 200,000 American soldiers are manning the outer ramparts of American defense in the outlying bases.

The United States has today, in other words, more soldiers manning the outlying bases, from Kodiak Island to Guam and from Greenland to Guiana, than the total force available for defense in 1939.

That, among other things, has been brought about by those who chose to plunge the world into war instead of seeking civilized ways to keep civilization afloat.

They are gone from the camps they were sent to.

Much of the Honduras mahogany used for furniture really comes from Brazil.

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President to Address Nation Tuesday Night

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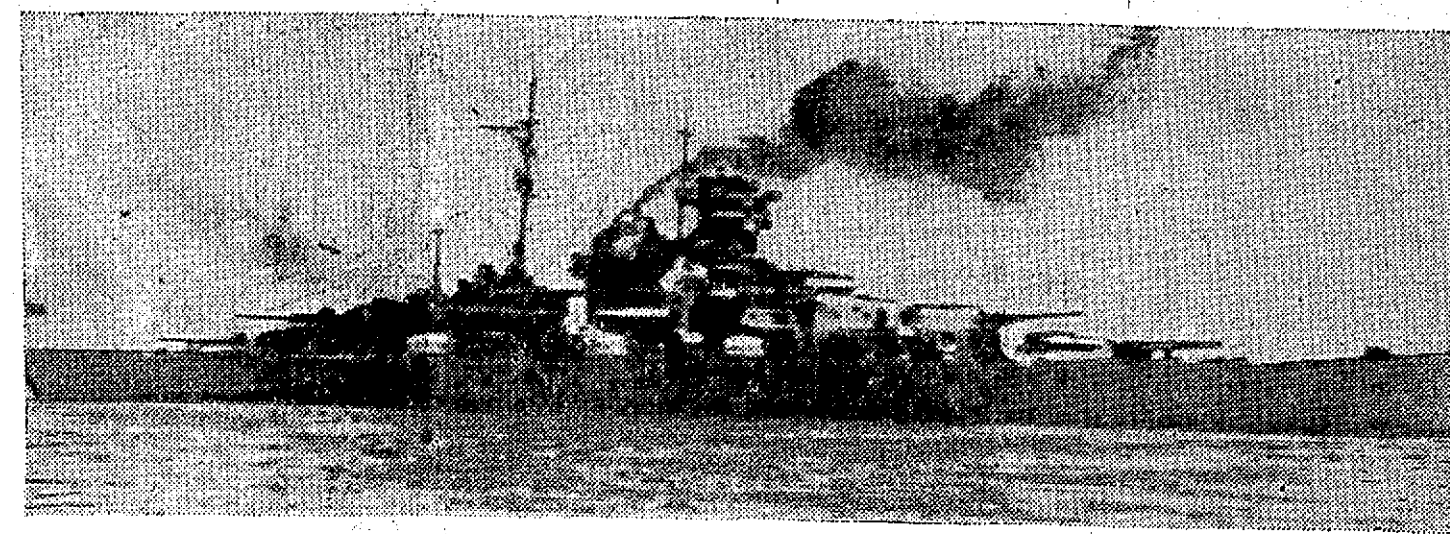
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Victor Over Hood, the Bismarck Also Is Sunk



The 35,000-ton German battleship, Bismarck, above, pride of the German navy and launched since the war started, was sunk Tuesday after an intensive search by ships of the British navy following the Bismarck sinking of the British battle cruiser HMS Hood last Saturday in a battle off Greenland.

High School to Graduate 75

Graduation Exercises Set for Thursday Night

Graduation exercises of the Hope High School will be held Thursday night in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m., May 29.

Dr. Gaston Foote, pastor of the Winfield Memorial church of Little Rock, will give the class address, while the four highest ranking seniors will discuss the theme of the program, "American Defense." The public is invited.

The program follows: Processional—Senior Class. Invocation—Rev. Kenneth L. Spore. Music—"God Bless America"—Audience; (led by E. P. Young). Theme—"American Defense." "What Is Defense"—Frances Mitchell.

"What Shall We Defend"—Thomas Kinser. "Education in Defense"—Frances Thomas.

"We Shall Also Serve"—Thomas Gordon. Music—Trio. Class Address—Rev. Gaston Foote. Piano Solo—Helen Crews. Awarding of Diplomas—E. P. Young. Announcements—President of Board of Education. Recessional.

NEWPORT — (AP) — The annual summer convention of the eastern Arkansas young men's clubs will be held June 26 at Batesville.

The convention was awarded Monday night by the board of directors after spirited bidding for the meeting by Paragould and Batesville.

The board approved a plan to offer a \$120 annual scholarship to Arkansas college.

Dr. F. D. Henry Named as Dental Examiner

LITTLE ROCK — (AP) — Appointments of 14 additional physicians and dentists to assist in conducting of physical examinations under the selective service program was announced Tuesday by Brig. Gen. E. L. Compere, selective service director.

New examiners included: Hempstead—Dr. F. D. Henry.

Back in Use

After being closed for nearly 40 years, the first "tube" railway station in the world, in King William street, London, now is being used as an air-raid shelter.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Famous Wives

It wasn't until the present century that we began to find wives sharing equal fame with their husbands, even getting ahead of them at times. Still, some wives of history are well known to us. Can you name and identify the husbands of the following famous wives?

1. Jane Seymour and Anne Boleyn.

2. Marie Antoinette and Josephine.

3. Queen Victoria and Queen Mary II of England.

4. Deanna Durbin and Barbara Stanwyck.

5. Dorothy Thompson and Eleanor Roosevelt.

France Gives Pledge to U. S.

Written Pledge Not to Surrender Fleet or Colonies

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The French government Tuesday gave renewed assurances in writing to the U. S. navy that the French fleet and colonies would not be surrendered to Germany or any other power.

A note containing specific guarantees was delivered by the French ambassador, Gaston Henry-Haye, to Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State.

The note, the ambassador told reporters, was drafted by him on instructions from the Vichy government. It was intended to remove misgivings here on the scope of French-German negotiations.

The French acted apparently in conformity with a request last week by Secretary Hull that the Vichy government should define its position clearly in writing if it wished to convince the world that pro-Hitler elements were not in supreme control at Vichy.

Henry-Haye declined to disclose full details of the note but he told reporters:

"We hope it will be a disappointment to those people who are trying to disturb Franco-American relations."

NEW JEWELRY STORE OPENED

T. S. PERKINSON OPENS STORE ON SOUTH WALNUT ST.

T. S. PERKINSON, jeweler with 10 years' experience, has opened a new jewelry store in Hope, being located at 218 South Walnut street, adjoining the Sinclair gasoline station at Walnut and Third streets.

Mr. Perkinson moved here recently from Searcy, Ark., where he was manager of a store. While in Searcy Mr. Perkinson was official watch-inspector for the Missouri Pacific and Rock Island railroads.

He moved to Hope, has recently installed fixtures and stock at 218 South Walnut street and is now open for business. Mr. Perkinson carries a complete line of watches, rings, bracelets and lockets, and maintains a first-class repair department.

WPA Quota for June Reduced

El Dorado District Reduced From 6,200 to 5,600

LITTLE ROCK — (AP) — State WPA administrator Floyd Sharp announced Tuesday a June quota of 28,300 Work Projects Administration workers — a reduction of 2,400 from the May quota.

District quotas for June compared with last month included: Jonesboro 6,180 and 6,750. El Dorado 5,600 and 6,200.

Open House at Stamp Office

Formal Opening to Be Held on Tuesday Night

The Hope Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a formal opening of the new offices of the Welfare Stamp Office and N. Y. A., now located in the Elks building. The entire building has been re-decorated and the open house is in connection with Clean-up week. Offices will be open for the public from 8 to 10 p. m. Tuesday night. The public is invited.

Weisenberger in Army Talk

'Short of Material, Not Men,' He Tells Kiwanians

Speaking on "What I Know About the Army," Rep. Royce Weisenberger told the Hope Kiwanis club at its noon meeting Tuesday that the United States army is in pretty good shape as far as man-power is concerned.

"The army is short of material, not men," the speaker stated.

Mr. Weisenberger explained the various army rankings and salary schedules to the club and concluded with the statement that he was confident every American would do his or her part in this time of national emergency.

"I am willing to trust our leaders," he said. "I believe they are trying to keep us out of war, and if we go in, I think our leaders will take us into the conflict only as the last resort."

The program committee announced that Van Hayes of Hope would be the guest speaker at the next weekly meeting of the club.

One Killed in N. Y. Harbor Fire

Courageous Firemen Check Disastrous Dock Blaze

JERSEY CITY, N. J. — (AP) — One man lost his life while five cars flared and 25 loaded freight cars burned in a New York harbor pier fire Tuesday.

The blaze occurred at the harbor edge of the Greenville terminal, giant Pennsylvania Railroad yard for transshipment of freight across the harbor. The cars burned bore merchandise intended for export or New York City.

Flames started on flat cars loaded with creosoted piling and swept over half of the 820-foot pier, but the fast work of more than 500 railroaders and firemen saved a vast fortune in freight.

Engineers and brakemen couple onto even burning cars and pulled them into the yard. Tugboat skippers hastily hauled barges to safety. Nearly 30 fire companies responded to three alarms. Two fireboats from New York, four Coast Guard cutters and 14 tugs joined them.

Troop Transports Downed

"Very heavy losses have been inflicted," they added, "by our submarines, cruisers and destroyers upon transports, and it is not possible to state with accuracy how many thousands of enemy troops have been drowned."

The German claim that 11 British cruisers, 8 destroyers, 5 torpedo boats and one submarine had been sunk was declared "even more exaggerated than usual."

RAF headquarters announced five troop-laden Nazi transport planes were shot down Monday at Malméville and several other aircraft destroyed.

El Dorado WOW to Meet Here

Local Camp Plans for Record Attendance

The local camp of the Woodmen of the World have complete arrangements to care for the largest attendance at its regular meeting Thursday night, May 29, they have had this year. A large delegation is expected from El Dorado, Ark., and other near by camps.

A large class of new members will be introduced refreshments will be served, several good speakers will appear on the program. The W. O. W. degree team will have charge of introducing the new members. Clerk John W. Ridgell urges all members to be present at the meeting which will begin at 8 o'clock.

Axis Blocked at Sea Off Crete

Issue Hangs in Balance, the British Declare

CAIRO — (AP) — Britain's Mediterranean fleet has lost two cruisers and four destroyers in the raging week-old battle of Crete but has balked German efforts to land sea-borne troops, and the epic struggle on land "now hangs in the balance," the British announced Tuesday.

Besides the sunken ships high official quarters said two battleships and several other cruisers had been damaged, and acknowledged "our naval position in the eastern Mediterranean has been prejudicially affected."

The Allied garrison on Crete was said to be receiving reinforcements while it was admitted the Germans still were parachuting down troops in swarms.

With these reinforcements the Middle East command said the Germans had been able to broaden their major foothold at Malméville west of Cana, the Crete capital. The imperial forces were forced back to new positions.

Say 18,000 Nazis Dead

The British asserted heavy losses still were being inflicted on the Germans in fierce hand-to-hand fighting and Greek sources placed the number of Nazi dead at 18,000.

Despite the loss of the cruisers and destroyers and the damage inflicted on the other units, the British declared:

"The Mediterranean fleet is today relatively stronger compared to the Italian navy than it was before the battle of Cape Matapan."

Official quarters emphasized the Mediterranean fleet was carrying on without air protection against the combined might of the Axis air and naval forces.

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The fate of other ships in the German fleet remains uncertain.

Air Torpedoes Cripple Her and Ships Finish Job

4 Big British Battleships See the Sunken H. M. S. Hood Avenged

By the Associated Press

The might of Britain's fleet and air army, converging from points as distant as Gibraltar and Newfoundland, pounced in terrible revenge Tuesday on the German battleship Bismarck, destroyer of the Hood, and sent her to the bottom of the sea.

At least 11 battleships, aircraft carriers, battle cruisers and cruisers, with the vital help of destroyers and torpedo planes, came at 11:01 a. m. British time, to the end of a 1,750-mile chase some 400 miles west of Brest.

There they sank the 35,000-ton Bismarck.

Torpedoes from the cruiser Dorsetshire finished her off, but already torpedoes from planes and destroyers alike had had her reeling in wild circles.

Germany's new 35,000-ton battleship Bismarck, trapped by overwhelming guns of the British fleet and the torpedoes of daring planes, was sent to the bottom of the North Atlantic after a three-day hunt at 11 a. m. (3 a. m. CST) Tuesday even as her guns still blazed and her radio sent a last message home "Long live the Fuehrer!"

With her swastika flag flying to the end the big German sea raider fell victim to what the British described as "the whole apparatus of our ocean control" in a pitched battle some 400 miles west of Brest, France.

Thus did Britain's royal navy repay the greatest blow to its pride since the war began — the sinking on Saturday of the 42,100-ton battleship Hood, the world's largest fighting craft, with the loss of approximately 1,300 officers and men in a fight with the Bismarck off Greenland.

Overtaking the German man-of-war as she reeled in uncontrollable circles, her rudder and propellers smashed by aerial torpedoes, the British fleet delivered the coup de grace and closed one of the greatest naval chapters in history.

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A Thought

Swearing is properly a superfluity of naughtiness, and can only be considered as a sort of pepper-corn sent in acknowledgement of the devil's right of superiority.—Robert Hall.

Work Resumed at Shipyards

AFL Chief Says They Can Get Along Without CIO

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Three picketed but reopened shipyards in the San Francisco bay area can continue operations for six weeks without the aid of striking A. F. of L. and C. I. O. machinists, John P. Frey, A. F. of L. Metal Trades president, said Monday.

He was booed by 500 C. I. O. machinists when he led the highest battle to work movement since the strike was called in 11 yards two weeks ago.

He led a naval convoy carrying 500 A. F. of L. men of all trades except machinists into the Moore drydock at Oakland while 1,000 others entered another gate on foot. Pickets were instructed not to boo the naval escort but to concentrate on Frey when he came out.

Some 300 places in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, England, have names which show they originally were Danish settlements.

COTTON

By the Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS

	Open	High	Low	Close
July	13.21	13.23	13.16	13.21
Oct.	13.40	13.41	13.31	13.37
Dec.	13.49	13.49	13.40	13.45
Jan.	13.49			13.45
March	13.46	13.46	13.36	13.39
May	13.45	13.45	13.44	13.43

NEW YORK

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Dec.	13.43	13.44	13.33	13.40
Jan.	13.43	13.43	13.33	13.39
March	13.41	13.41	13.32	13.39
May	13.40	13.40	13.35	13.38

Middling Spot at 13.58.

County Agent Discusses Farm Machines

Should Adjust Carefully Each Year for Best Results

Mowing machines must be carefully adjusted at least once a year if they are to continue to operate properly, reports Oliver L. Adams, county agent.

When a mowing machine is new the outer end of the cutter bar leads the inner end by a small amount. Wear, however, allows the outer end to lag behind. At least once a year a string should be stretched along the pitman, and the alignment of the cutter bar checked. The outer end should be ahead of the inner end about 1/4 inch for each foot of length, according to Earl L. Arnold of the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture.

The knives must be in register, that is, at each end of the stroke the point of each knife section should center in a guard.

A mowing machine cuts like a pair of scissors. Mr. Arnold said. The knife section serves as one blade of the scissors and the guard plate as the other. As the machine is used, the sickle becomes loose with wear, and the knife clips so that the sections are held down against the guard plates, and bending the guards so that they are put back in alignment.

The height of cut is adjusted by raising or lowering the shoes of each end of the cutter bar. The lever that tilts the cutter bar is used only for tilting the bar upward in stony, rough places and tilting the bar downward to pick up lodged hay.

Guard plates should be replaced when the edges have worn smooth.

Special guards may be obtained for special purposes. Farmers who have much lespedeza are probably justified, the Extension agricultural engineer said, in buying a special lespedeza cutter bar or special lespedeza guard for their regular cutter bar.

Pick Pictures to Your Taste

After All You Have to Look at Most of Time

By MARGARET KERNODLE
AP Feature Service Writer

A picture of Jesse James has a prominent place in the living room of Thomas Craven, well known art critic.

That one picture sums up one of Mr. Craven's theories about choosing pictures for one's home.

Jesse James is on the Craven wall because the famous outlaw once raided the old home farm in Missouri. Mr. Craven is interested in Jesse James, so he likes a Jesse James picture.

Choose the picture because you like it, not because someone has told you it's good art, Mr. Craven advises. Here are three requirements she says should be met by a picture in one's home:

1. Something the owner knows about and understands.

Dockers Warn About Future

British War Softens Workers Who Give Warning

By PAUL MANNING
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

GLASGOW, Scotland—The war has softened, but not still organized labor's voice in the British Isles.

How the national emergency has acted as a restraining influence on strike-minded union men—while at the same time they exercise their right to protest—was illustrated to me at a meeting of Clydeside dock workers which I was permitted to attend here.

It was an important meeting and the dockers were disturbed. They had received an ultimatum from Ernest Bevin and his Ministry of Labor that their way of working must go.

Fought to Retain Their Way of Doing Things

They had fought long and hard to retain their system of casual labor. For one thing, they got double time for working on Sunday. And given a Sunday of double time plus another day with ordinary pay, a man could knock off for the rest of the week, if he felt like it. Or, if he wanted to clean up a few personal bills, he could work every day and have a good check at the end of the seventh day to show his family. Also, as a casual laborer, he never had to think about paying an income tax.

The government, however, said the system was untidy and inefficient and must go, because a wartime economy has no room for casual labor. The dockers resented this. They felt they had a good case, because to-date they had been unloading ships faster than the material could be cleared from the wharf sheds.

But the government and the employers wanted regularity, and for this they guaranteed employment and a minimum weekly wage.

Self-Appointed Spokesmen

Some two thousand dockers were milling around in a smoke-filled cinema house in the center of town, waiting for the meeting to be called at seven o'clock.

For color and excitement this gathering of Glasgow dockers, who are predominantly Irish, had any New York or San Francisco union meeting backed off the map.

It started slowly enough. There were no fights or heckling from the floor, at first. But when union leaders began presenting the government ultimatum, fifty or so self-appointed spokesmen tried to take the floor. One man finally did get priority, but it did him little good, because every time he stopped for breath the others who had failed to get the nod would break in.

It went on like this for an hour or two. One group favored an outright strike. But the cooler heads said this would gain the union nothing but a black eye. And anyway, a wartime government can move fast and effectively when the nation effort is periled.

A couple of fights broke out in the gallery during the height of the debate, but at the end of four hours the appeasement efforts of the old guard prevailed. A vote was taken and the ballot showed there would certainly be no strike.

Union leaders, however, lacked enough votes to swing the men into line that night. Not that the large minority was intent upon sinking the war effort, but it was just determined not to accede too quickly.

They didn't like Bevin and were loud in saying so. Privately though, they knew they had no other course but to sign up with the government. But by holding out they hoped it would be a warning to the Ministry of Labor that on the day peace came, they intended going back to the old system. The meeting ended on that note, indecisively.

Don't Like to Be Pushed Around

The next morning, around a mobile American canteen donated by the British War Relief Society, a group of men from a pig iron freighter on the Clydeside were talking. They had all suddenly placed their names to the government roster that morning, so they no longer were casual labor.

"It's not the steady work we object to," said one. "We probably all intended signing on with the government anyway. But it's the way Frnie Bevin pushes you into things that we don't like."

"Besides, fishing season is open now and it would be sort of nice to knock off on occasions, during the week, and go out to Loch Lomond."

cotton, rice, and other basic commodities, is due entirely to organized effort on the part of farmers."

Farm Bureau Drive Urged

Membership This Year Already Exceeds 1940

With spring planting nearing a close, Arkansas farmers are renewing their organization efforts throughout the state to meet demands for manpower in connection with legislation now under consideration in the congress.

Thomas F. Dodson, director of organization for the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, has notified officials of the County Farm Bureau here that this year's membership has already exceeded the 1940 total and that a record of 35,000 organized families is in prospect.

The St. Francis County Farm Bureau continues to lead all others in the state with 2,235 members, however a number of organizations, including Washington county with 1,540 and Johnson county with approximately 850, have climbed rapidly toward the top during the past few weeks.

Other leaders include: Mississippi, 940; Crittenden, 818; Phillips, 807; Franklin, 600; Cross, 541; Hempstead, 363; Miller, 320; Crawford, 318; and numerous others with 275 or more members.

The current drive in Arkansas is a part of a campaign to procure 300,000 Farm Bureau members in the South this year, Mr. Dodson said. "Arkansas' quota is 35,000. The splendid success that agriculture has enjoyed in the congress this year, including the recent passage of the 85 per cent of parity mandatory loan measure for

Advices Use of Loose Salt

Says, Oddly Enough, Block Salt Lasts Too Long

Block salt is not economical, because, oddly enough, it lasts too long. Oliver L. Adams, county agent, said today. Cattle lick at the block continually because they cannot get enough, and

BRUCE CHAPEL

We are very glad to report little Joyce Marie Cullins has returned to her home from a Little Rock hospital where she has been for two weeks.

Misses Lesale and Sylvia Folsom are the guests of their uncle, Embury Self and family, at Murfreesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Shand Murders and daughter, Jewel Dean spent last week-end visiting relatives in Hot Springs.

Mrs. Dewey Stone and sons, Wayne and Donna were business visitors in Prescott Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barber announce the marriage of their daughter, Louise to Shirley Fowler, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Fowler, which took place Saturday night, May 17.

The Bruce Chapel Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. O. E. Foster, Monday, May 19, for a covered dish luncheon and to sew for the Red Cross. Nine girls skirts were made from material furnished.

A one-act play will be given at the June Council meeting to be held at Columbus, by the Bruce Chapel club.

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U. S. Highways Work Hardships

Defense Has Problem of Maneuvering on Roads

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON—It hardly has been mentioned, but one of the bottlenecks of national defense is our wonderful system of highways.

Even as this is being written, congress is preparing to do something about it. It's hard to predict what Congress will do under any circumstances, but Washington's capitol workers are saying that congress can't miss doing something about this circumstance.

Behind this prediction is another of those strange American stories. The United States has the greatest road system in the world—nearly a million miles of the finest rubber tire ever rolled over. But the United States covers a lot of territory. Its highways cross everything from the swamps of Florida to the Great Divide.

Because of that—or in spite of it—the army and navy and national defense now are sweating over the problem of how to maneuver on the highways of America and get their big guns and convoys (truck fleets) and mechanized forces into and out of strategic centers and scores of training camps—and how to get labor in to and out of the new defense plants.

Preliminary steps in remedying this situation already have been taken and out of these I can give you some picture of conditions as they exist today.

In the first place there is the report which the public roads administration has made to Federal Works Administrator John W. Carmody, at the request of President Roosevelt.

In the second place, there are the reports which the automobile and motor clubs have been making to the American Automobile Association, which has been working closely with the war and navy departments to present a clear picture of present conditions.

The public roads administration, starting with the premise that there always are 32,000,000 motor vehicles using the United States highway and urban street systems, breaks up its report into sections.

1. How adequate is the nation's "strategic network" of highways and what must be done to make it perfect? This comprises approximately 75,000 miles of main trunk routes and auxiliary roads. It involves all the roads joining important centers of defense industry and all military and naval concentration points. It includes also the secondary and tertiary roads which may be used when the main highways break down or are clogged with traffic.

Mr. Carmody's report to the President says that nearly 20,000 miles of the strategic network is too narrow or

OUT OUR WAY



too weak in surfacing to take care of routine operations of the army in training. Not only that, but on these 75,000 miles of strategic highway, there are (out of some 18,000) 2,436 bridges which, for one reason or another, are inadequate for military loads.

2. There is, according to the report, an immediate and desperate need for 1,500 miles of "reservation roads" lying wholly within the nearly 200 military and naval camps.

3. There should be an effort immediately to construct or repair 2,830 miles of "access roads" which connect military and naval reservations and new defense centers with main highways.

4. There should be an adequate provision for putting tactical roads (roads used in tactical maneuvers, both locally in the vicinity of camps and on the major war games route) in A-1 condition and repairing them following maneuvers. (Repairs to the highways of Louisiana and Texas following war games last summer amounted to approximately \$210,000.)

Just to start remedying this situation this year, the report to the President says, will take \$287,000,000 for construction and improvement of defense roads.

Air Torpedoes

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man force was not disclosed but London dispatches had previously said the fleeing Bismarck headed a squadron and British sources declared ships engaged in pursuit of the Germans probably included the 33,950-ton battleships Rodney and Nelson—and possibly the royal navy's newest and most powerful battle-wagons the 35,000-ton King George Fifth and the Prince of Wales.

High official quarters in London subsequently announced that "measures are being taken to deal with the German cruiser Prince Eugene."

The German high command said the Bismarck was actually sunk by planes from an airplane carrier and by three British battleships.

Admiral Guenther Luetjens and Captain Lindemann of the Bismarck, with an unestimated number of the crew, lost their lives.

Belva Ann Lockwood was the first woman permitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court in 1879.

War Problems on Convoying

Many Technical Devices Have to Be Used

By MORGAN M. BEATTY
AP Feature Service Writer

WASHINGTON — To convoy or not to convoy may be just another crackle barrel issue to John Q. Citizen, but to the hard-headed admirals it's a transportation problem, vastly complicated by the airplane and the radio.

Plane spotters and radio sound devices are the new pawns in the convoy game. By and large, the airplane is the better pawn. Because the Germans are based on Brest, France, in this war, they have an advantage they lacked in 1914-18. They're closer to the steamer lanes than are Britain's own air scouts. When they spot a convoy, they don't have to wait for a submarine to come along and hit the targets. They can let fly their own bombs. And it doesn't take much of a bomb to put a thin-skinned merchant vessel out of business.

Radio spotting devices are more sensitive in this war, but still they are not keen enough to warn convoys in time enough to scatter far.

The British convoy problem is more complicated in this war because the British fleet does not have the help of the French, Italian, and Japanese fleets, nor the help of Uncle Sam's naval forces.

The British admiralty apparently has felt it could not spare large flotillas for convoy work, and so has had to shorten the periods of escort, both on outgoing and incoming voyages. That has made the pickings easier for the Germans.

How is a convoy escorted, and attacked? The usual convoy is a herd of merchant ships, escorted through dangerous water by destroyers, the arch foes of submarines.

Especially valuable shipments are sometimes guarded by a cruiser, or even a battleship. But big ships like that don't come a dime a dozen, and their use breaks up units of battle fleets.

That the British can't spare many big ships for convoy duty explains why the Germans have been using cruisers or battle cruisers against convoys. A destroyer doesn't have a chance against these big ships, for cruiser guns range far beyond those of a destroyer. They can pick off ships in the convoy line with ease.

British dearth of escorts also explains why the Royal Air Force went after the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau in their French berths day after day until these big battle cruisers were reported out of commission. While they were loose, the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst were death on convoys.

The British have established convoy meeting spots, where merchant ships wait for escort through water close to the British isles. There several destroyers usually meet each convoy. As the line gets under way, the destroyers set their speed to match the slowest ship in the line, which may be between six and eight knots.

If a submarine is sighted, the destroyers order the convoy to scatter, then start full speed for the sub. The sub skipper has quite a problem. Should he gamble on getting in position and firing his torpedoes, or should he dive? If he stays near the surface and shoots, the odds are better than three to one that he won't live to shoot again.

The destroyer is too fast for the sub, usually doing 20 to 30 knots. The sub can travel no more than 12 to 16 on the surface, and 6 to 10 submerged. The only escape is to go down more than 200 feet and wait.

But subs aren't always spotted. If the water is choppy, white caps hide periscopes. So the sub captain takes his time, aims his torpedo tubes, and fires in the course of the ships he has picked out. It's hard for the merchantman to escape, for he doesn't have much speed or maneuverability.

At night, subs are handicapped. The periscope is useless. If the sub comes to the surface, the escort can pick him out easily.

The subs have been successful in

Revival Will Begin June 1

Garrett Memorial to Hold Special 2-Week Services

Beginning Sunday June 1, a two weeks revival meeting will be held at the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church. Elder R. W. Ward, pastor of Bethel Baptist church, Morrilton, Arkansas, will assist in the meeting. Brother Ward was with the church in the revival last summer.

Formerly a part owner of the Baptist Message, Brother Ward is now a member of the Editorial Staff of the American Baptist. Both are widely read Gospel Papers. He is indeed a very faithful servant and able minister of the Gospel. Brother Ward will not be with the church until Monday, but Brother D. O. Silvey, pastor

this war partly because they've been able to pick off merchant ships outside the convoy zones.

With the airplane, it's different. The Germans are based at Brest, again closer to British steamer lanes than is the Royal Air Force. That's why Britain has wanted Irish bases. Nazi planes can bomb merchantmen, radio position of convoys or single ships to subs or surface raiders.

Most American naval experts figure the best answer to the convoy problem, purely from a technical point of view, is the air scout attached in some way to convoy escorts. But they aren't talking about how these air scouts are operating, or can operate. It may be significant that the Germans are reported to be hitting fewer targets in the late spring than they were last March.

But we won't know the whole story until the war is over.

Our Daily Bread

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knew in the United States, but they must not be forgotten. Means must be devised for keeping these American soldiers in touch with the home country.

Such a dispersion of forces, with nearly a fourth of the available soldiers stationed outside the continental limits of the country, is something new, and therefore something we never have thought much about. Britain, with its far-spread empire, was accustomed for decades to having its sons scattered from Burma to the Falkland Islands. But it is new to Americans, both to those who go and to those who stay.

With such large detachments of American soldiers serving in faraway posts, every effort must be made to see to it that they are not forgotten, and, more important, that they do not feel forgotten.

Will American newspapers go to them regularly and by the fastest practicable route? Will they have recreational facilities in posts which, interesting at first, may grow dull and monotonous? Will they be able to adjust programs so that American boys in the outposts will be in regular touch with home by air.

Letters, athletic equipment, gifts appropriate to the seasons, vital little links with home are going to be more and more important as the overseas garrisons grow in strength. They must not be forgotten.

Chile's death rate is 25 per 1,000, more than twice as great as the United States."

of the church, will preach Sunday and Sunday night.

The public is cordially invited and urged to attend these services.

Diplomat Doug



Off to South America is Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., shown above leaving White House after bidding goodbye to President Roosevelt, who asked film star to take trip to study means of promoting Pan Americanism through the theatrical arts.

A Guernsey community "get-together" will be held at the high school Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. School buses will be used to bring in citizens who wish to attend. The public is invited.

The Alps are said to have risen from a seaway four to seven times their present width.

Italians Execute Assailant of King

ROME (AP)—Vassili Mihalidis, accused of firing several shots at an auto in which King Victor Emmanuel was riding with the Albanian princess on a visit to that country May 17, was executed at dawn Tuesday in Thessalonica.

Food Stamp Office to Close May 30; 31

The Hempstead county Food Stamp office will be closed Friday, May 30, legal holiday and Saturday, May 31, in accordance with instructions received by C. C. Stuart, issuing officer.

Radio Entertainers to Give Program

The Liberty Hill Home Demonstration club will sponsor the Frank Stamps quartet and the Rice Bros. radio entertainers, in a program at the Hope city hall May 28 at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

McCASKILL

Miss Johnnie Martin visited relatives in El Dorado this past week.

Mrs. E. W. Cullpepper left Monday for a month visit with relatives in Kansas and Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Moses of Benton visited relatives here this week and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Eley spent a few days this past week in El Dorado.

Those attending the 4-H club rally at Hope Saturday were Misses Evelyn Lela, and Dulcie Rhodes, Wilma Jean Harper and Mrs. Dora Wertham.

James Wesley Hood of El Dorado spent the past week here with relatives.

Mrs. James Lewis and little son, James Randall of Nashville visited Mrs. J. O. Harris Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Box and children of El Dorado visited relatives here this week.

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Vichy Rushes Railroad Work

Important Trans-Sahara Road Leads to Dakar

WASHINGTON — The people here who see the arm of Berlin in the Vichy of Vichy are looking with growing concern at the 1500-mile railroad building across the Sahara Desert to link Oran and Dakar.

They point out that Dakar, westmost point in Africa, is only 1700 miles, or less than eight hours by air, from Brazil, is less than 2500 miles from American defense outposts at Trinidad and Puerto Rico; is but 3000 miles, or only the distance across the Atlantic, from the Panama Canal itself. They say that with easy rail transportation from Oran, across the Mediterranean from Spain, the Germans could bring to Dakar tanks, guns and men which could easily be flown to an invasion of the Western Hemisphere.

It goes without saying, they add,

that the port of Dakar, as a submarine and naval base, could control the whole South Atlantic and that German planes and ships based there could play havoc with Britain's vital ship lanes from Australia and the Far East around Africa.

Subject of Controversy for 50 Years

The first announcement that a "normal gauge railroad to be known as the Mediterranean - Niger system" would be built appeared recently in Vichy's Official Journal. Pictures of construction actually under way just reached the U. S. by trans-Atlantic clipper.

The question of a Trans-Sahara railway has been the subject of controversy for 50 years. In addition to the physical difficulties involved in bridging 1500 miles of desert, there has been much doubt that commercial operation of such a railroad would pay. Exhaustive studies indicate that construction would cost about 5,000,000,000 francs.

Those here who look with distrust on the whole project point out that this seems a tremendous expense for a France which reportedly has to print money just to meet the cost of maintaining Germany's army of occupation. It has, in fact, been reported that German construction firms are doing the actual building of the Dakar railroad.

In the Ministerial report recommend-

Everything Wrong

The man had met the girl on a vacation trip, and after a whirlwind courtship lasting three days, they married. When they reached the hotel after the wedding ceremony, the bride proceeded to remove a wig, took out a set of false teeth and extracted a glass eye. This done, she settled back and inquired:

"Honey, do you like pickled pigs feet?"

"My God," exclaimed the startled husband, "don't tell me you've got those, too."

ing to French Chief of State Marshal Petain the building of the railroad, it was stressed that "Europe should, to maintain its rank in the world, be directly connected with the near-by African continent." The report went on to say that the line would be the first step in the construction of an international trans-African network.

The government thereupon created a special branch of the Ministry of Communications to recruit personnel and start work. Those here who suspect the whole project point to recent announcements from Vichy that men were being conscripted for "desert labor in Africa." They say it can mean only one thing: Berlin wants the railroad built in a hurry.

3 Factors on Farm, Defense

Local Demand, Exports, Prices to Boom Farm Crops

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — Ride from the purely speculative possibilities of what will happen to Joe Farmer tomorrow as result of the war and national defense, there are three known factors which make the farm situation generally look brighter than it has in some years.

These are: (1) Greatly improved consumer demand in the United States and the assurance that this demand will go on increasing at least throughout the year; (2) A considerable increase in exports of certain farm products as a result of the lend-lease program; (3) The highest farm wage rates since January, 1931, when the depression knocked farming for a loop.

I'm going to take the third first. Joe Farmer cannot pay high wages unless he is making money or sees that he is going to make money. Yet, according to the agricultural marketing service of the Department of Agriculture, he paid wages in the first quarter of 1941 that were seven times the normal seasonal rise; 138 per cent of the 1910-14 average and 14 per cent above a year ago.

Some Farms Lack Hands

These wage rates range all the way from less than \$1 a day (without board) in Georgia and South Carolina to around \$3.15 a day (without board) in Rhode Island and Connecticut. The farm labor situation still is spotted and it is almost impossible to generalize, but in some areas there is an acute shortage of farm labor—a far cry from a year or so ago when so many states were crying for federal aid to cope with the excessive drifts of farm labor.

Exactly what the lend-lease program is doing to the farmer can't be put down in black and red, because it's a "military secret." A Department of Agriculture executive told me "just what foods are being bought for or by the democracies and the time of transfer will never be revealed by the Department of Agriculture."

But let's look at the record. Great Britain, shortly after the lend-lease bill was passed, made known to this country not only what military supplies would be needed but what foodstuffs would be needed. In the weeks since then the need for farm products has become more acute. The Red Cross is making demands also. Just what these demands are is not known and exactly how they are being answered is not known. But there are some significant figures.

First, it is known that Great Britain particularly is in need of fats, poultry products and canned goods. (They have promised also to take some tobacco, but this cannot be really important until the amount they will take is known.) The Department of Agriculture is doing two things. It is placing a "floor" under hogs at 59 a 100 pounds (Chicago basis); under dairy products (on the basis of 31 cents a pound for butter, also Chicago); live chickens at 15 cents a pound and eggs at 22 cents a dozen. It promises continuation of the corn loan program through this year and next; to make loan corn available to producers at the loan rate plus certain carrying charges; to set no marketing quotas for the 1941 crop; and to allow producers in the commercial corn producing areas to produce their usual acreage. That solves the feed problem and with this assurance of reasonable feed prices, the farmer

Edson in Washington

Uncle Sam Will Spend Millions to Keep Fallen Nations' American Assets Out of Axis Hands

WASHINGTON — Some consideration being given to the idea of freezing the \$150 million worth of German assets now held in the United States, adding this little nest egg to the \$4.5 billions of this country's assets owned by the nationals of the 14 nations Hitler has taken over, there should be corrected the erroneous idea that when this freezing process takes place, the money is put in a bank and left there till something else freezes over.

In the first place, these assets are not all money. They may be stocks and bonds, or they may be real property like apartment houses, or they may be businesses like drug or optical goods manufacturing establishments, or importing houses or agencies for the wholesaling of French perfumes or Yugoslavian opium. The point is that all these assets don't have to be converted into cash stuck off in a safety deposit vault.

All these businesses are allowed to carry on pretty much as usual. If they make a profit on their operations, that's all right too. The only restrictions are that the profits or proceeds can't be sent back to the occupied country where they might be seized for the benefit of the Nazis.

The U. S. Treasury doesn't attempt to run these businesses, either. The Treasury has enough headaches of its own and you wouldn't call this foreign-owned property control an aspirin. Management of frozen assets is left where it was before the freezing took place, subject only to licensing and control of the Treasury regulations. In this respect, the freezing

can pretty well see his way clear for at least the next two years.

Full Stems On the Farm

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard is asking a 6 per cent increase in egg production in the next 15 months; a 15 per cent increase in chickens this fall and next spring; a 6 to 8 per cent increase in dairy products, principally cheese, evaporated milk and dried skim milk; a 50 per cent increase in tomatoes for canning; increases in acreage of peas, corn and snap beans; a 35 per cent increase in production of dry edible beans of the white variety; a vast increase in pork, both through feeding and breeding of sows, an immediate increase in beef cattle slaughter to meet the present demand for meals.

ing differs entirely from the work of the Alien Property Custodian in the last war when physical control and management were taken on all enemy assets.

The present Treasury control costs the owners of the assets nothing. It will cost the Treasury nearly \$2 million to exercise this control in the next year, but the government considers this money well spent as it prevents the dumping of these assets on U. S. markets and as it prevents these assets from falling into the hands of Germany through Nazi pressure on residents of the occupied countries.

An interesting contrast, not a parallel to this situation, is the case of what has happened to American cap-

ital in Germany. U. S. nationals own about \$200 million assets in Germany, \$50 million more than Germans own here. Ford, General Motors, Singer Sewing Machine, Westinghouse, International Telephone & Telegraph, Electric Bond and Share and Union Carbide are some of the biggest. Of course, those firms haven't been able to get a dime out of Germany since Hitler. In most cases, the plants are undoubtedly at work on German war orders today through outright plant seizure.

When the assets of any nation are frozen in the United States, what happens first is that word goes from the Treasury Foreign Funds Control office, under Assistant Secretary John W. Pehle, to the 12 Federal Reserve Banks. These banks notify their member banks, brokers, agents and others dealing in foreign exchanges that assets of these foreign nationals must be scheduled with the Federal Reserve Bank within 30 days. Owners of assets less than \$250 are exempted, as are the foreign nationals who are resident and domiciled in the United States.

All others, however, are licensed for 90-day, renewable periods to carry on their business, spending so much money a month in the several categories conforming to the type of business they had been doing. Reports must then be filed to show how the money was actually spent. Efforts have been made to reduce as much as possible the red tape. All these negotiations are necessarily complicated, but as the activities in foreign funds control progressed, it became apparent that there were a number of standardized transactions which could be adequately controlled by general licenses.

It is a tremendous job, this freezing of assets. Starting with a small force in the Treasury, the foreign funds control force has grown to over 100 in Washington. For offices it has taken over a whole floor in the big Raleigh hotel with an option on space in two more floors.

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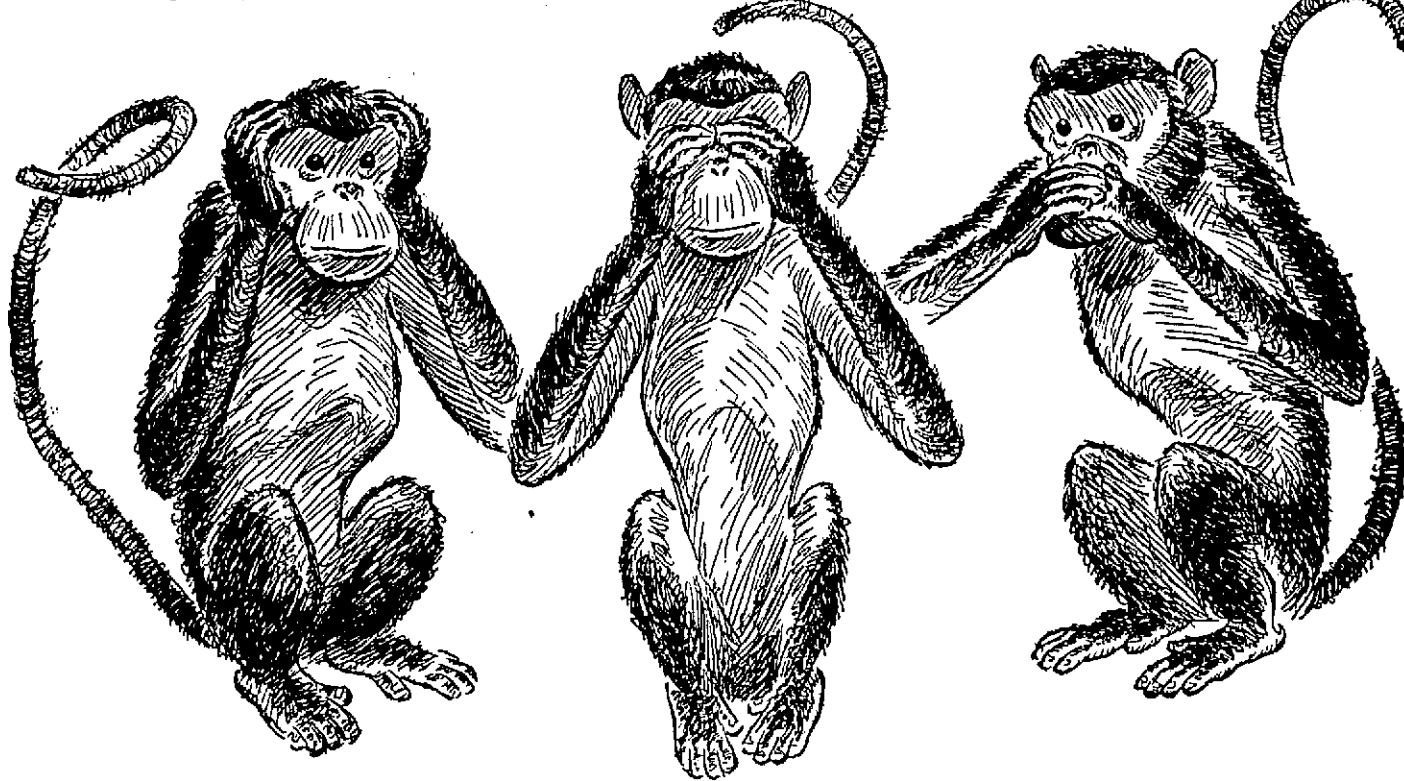
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WRONG MOTTO

BY NORMAN CHANDLER, CHAIRMAN, NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS COMMITTEE



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